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**Confirmation by Mail**

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**Re: Al eged Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 7,114,894**

Dear Mr. Isaac:

We represent Hy-Ko Products Co. (hereinafter "Hy-Ko") with regard to intellectual property matters. Your letter dated November 9, 2007, addressed to Mr. Bert Ross alleging that Hy-Ko infringes U.S. Patent No. 7,114,894, has been referred to my office. Initially, please note that Mr. Bert Ross has long since retired from Hy-Ko and Mr. Michael Bass is the President and CEO of Hy-Ko Products Co. Nevertheless, please direct all future correspondence regarding this matter to my attention.

Please be assured that Hy-Ko respects all valid, intellectual property rights of others and would not willfully disregard those rights. Hy-Ko takes your allegations of infringement seriously and intends to immediately investigate this matter and cooperate in addressing the issues raised in your letter.

Nevertheless, the arbitrary 10-day deadline prescribed in your letter for receiving a response is insufficient to perform such an investigation. Please know that we have already ordered the file history for the '94 patent and begun our investigation. Once we have completed our investigation concerning this matter, we will promptly and formally respond to your allegations.

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In the meantime, should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

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